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SECURITY TO CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have made necessary Security arrangements for personnels of Central Excise and Customs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (C) if not, whether in the absence of proper security arrangements the officers are unable to nab tax-evaders;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide adequate security arrangements for such officers; and (

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Department takes adequate measures for security of customs and Central Excise officers, when deployed in anti-smuggling and enforcement activities The officers of Customs and Central Excise Departmentinvolved in enforcement activities are lent service pistols/revolvers to be used for personal security on requests made by the officers. Officers involved in anti-smuggling and preventive activities are also issued service revolvers/pistols /rifles from the armoury provided to various Commissionerates, for being carried for personal security during particular searches/raids. Adequate police assistance is also sought, whenever considered necessary before carrying out searches/raids of sensitive areas/localities as a measure of security for the officers of the Department undertaking searches/raids.